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SUBJECT: NARCOTICS: SERGIO LAZO

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1. EMBASSY WITH CONCURRENCE DEA SANTIAGO BELIEVES THAT ATTEMPT TO RETURN SERGIO LAZO OR ANY OTHER NARCOTICS TRAFFICKER, CHILEAN OR FOREIGNER, EXPELLED FROM CHILE WILL MEET STIFF RESISTANCE AND PROBABLY REJECTION FROM GOC. PRELIMINARY FEELERS TO POLICE AND MINISTRY INTERIOR CONTACTS BROUGHT VERY NEGATIVE REACTIONS ON LAZO CASE.

2. IT IS WORTH RECALLING THAT URGENT USG REQUESTS IN LATE 1973 TO GOC FOR EXPULSION OF ABOUT TWENTY MAJOR TRAFFICKERS WERE MET PROMPTLY AND EFFECTIVELY. GOC UTILIZED EXTRAORDINARY NATIONAL EMERGENCY POWERS TO DECLARE ALL OF THESE FUGITIVES NATIONAL SECURITY RISKS AND TO EXPEL THEM UNDER SPECIAL DECREES. GOC DID NOT EXPECT TO SEE OR HEAR OF THEM AGAIN FOR TEN OR TWENTY YEARS.

3. OUR GOC CONTACTS HAVE BEEN SHOCKED AND DISMAYED OVER  
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SHORT SENTENCES TRAFFICKERS RECEIVED, FRITIS COLON

ACQUITTAL, AND NOW US EXPECTATION THAT EXPELLEES COULD BE RETURNED LESS THAN TWO YEARS AFTER EXPULSION. EMBASSY AND DEA UNDERSTAND REASONS FOR INS/DEA CONCERN, BUT GOC FINDS SITUATION DIFFICULT TO COMPREHEND.

4. RETURN OF THESE TRAFFICKERS WOULD REQUIRE NEW DECREE LAW REVOKING ORIGINAL NATIONAL SECURITY EXPULSION, AND PLACE GOC IN DELICATE POSITION. SOME GOC OFFICIALS THEMSELVES QUESTIONED USE OF NATIONAL SECURITY POWERS RATHER THAN FORMAL EXTRADITION AT TIME OF EXPULSION IN 1973, BUT ACCEPTED FORMER ON GROUNDS THAT EXPELLEES WERE DANGEROUS PERSONS WHO WOULD BE OUT OF CIRCULATION FOR YEARS. TO HAVE US APPARENTLY TREAT THEM SO LIGHTLY IS EMBARRASSING FOR GOC, PARTICULARLY IN LIGHT OF PRE-SENT POOR GOC HUMAN RIGHTS IMAGE.

5. FINALLY, GOC IS CONVINCED THAT PERSONS SUCH AS LAZO WOULD RETURN TO NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING IF ALLOWED BACK INTO CHILE. GIVEN THIS ATTITUDE, PERSONAL SAFETY OF PERSONS IN CATEGORY UNDER DISCUSSION IF RETURNED TO CHILE COULD NOT BE ASSURED. IN ADDITION, IF EVEN ONE IN GROUP WERE RETURNED, GOC WOULD EXPECT USG TO TAKE THIS AS PRECEDENT FOR RETURN OF ALL AS SOON AS SENTENCES WERE COMPLETED.

6. EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT PRESSURE ON GOC FOR LAZO'S RETURN WOULD ADVERSELY AFFECT US ABILITY TO OBTAIN EXPULSION OF OTHER NARCOTICS FUGITIVES IN FUTURE, AND MIGHT PREJUDICE NARCOTICS COOPERATION WITH CHILE IN GENERAL. DEPARTMENT, DEA, AND INS MAY WISH TO WEIGH BENEFITS AND POTENTIAL LOSSES CAREFULLY BEFORE FORMAL APPROACH IS MADE TO GOC. EMBASSY IS REASONABLY SURE THAT GOC IN ANY EVENT WOULD GIVE NEGATIVE RESPONSE IF ASKED. DEA SAIC SANTIAGO LEARNED DECEMBER 23 THAT LAZO RETURN QUESTION HAD REACHED LEVEL OF CARABINERO CINC AND JUNTA MEMBER GENERAL MENDOZA, WITH STRONGLY NEGATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM CARABINERO NARCOTICS UNIT CHIEF.  
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